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SUBJ: ECOSOC SPECIAL SESSION: PAKISTAN DISASTER

1. MISOFF GIVEN DRAFT RESOLUTION BEING INFORMALLY
CIRCULATED BY PAKISTAN MISSION WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED
AT SEPT 17 ECOSOC SESSION. RESOLUTION ENTITLED
"MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE FLOODS IN PAKISTAN"
APPEARS TO FOLLOW TRADITIONAL PATTERN IN CASES OF THIS
SORT AND TO BE INOFFENSIVE. MISSION PLANS TO SUPPORT
THE RESOLUTION UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES ANY
OBJECTIONS. TEXT OF DRAFT AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSIDERING THE WIDE AREAS OF PAKISTAN HAVE
RECENTLY BEEN DEVASTATED BY RAINS AND FLOODS WHICH CAUSED
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SERIOUS LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY AND SEVERE DAMAGE

TO THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY,

NOTING WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN THAT DESTRUCTION OF STORED FOODGRAINS AND STANDING CROPS HAVE CAUSED CRITICAL SHORTAGES WHICH MAY FURTHER AGGRAVATE THE EFFECTS OF THE CATASTROPHE,

BEARING IN MIND THAT IT IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ENUNCIATED IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF MAJOR NATURAL DISASTERS,

RECALLING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF DISASTER, PARTICULARLY ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2816(XXVI) OF 14 DECEMBER 1971 AND 2959 (XXVII) OF 12 DECEMBER 1972,

1. EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN ON THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE AND THE RAVAGES CAUSED BY THE RECENT NATURAL DISASTER;
2. NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE GENERAL EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY AS WELL AS THE ASSISTANCE IN RELIEF OPERATIONS PROVIDED BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;
3. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE PROMPTITUDE WITH WHICH HE UNDERTOOK SEVERAL MEASURES OF RELIEF AND REHABILITATION;
4. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR TO ENSURE THAT THE MOST PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN FOR THE DEVASTATED AREAS;
5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVITE THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROGRAMME, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES CONCERNED, PARTICULARLY THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, THE INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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MONETARY FUND AND THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST, AS WELL AS THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S

FUND, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION, TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMMES, TO RESPOND, IN LIAISON WITH THE DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR, TO ANY REQUESTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION WORK PROVIDED FOR IN ITS INITIAL EMERGENCY PROGRAMME;

6. EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT SHOULD URGENTLY CONSIDER AND RESPOND EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE WITHIN THEIR COMPETENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MIGHT SUBMIT IN CONNEXION WITH ITS SPECIAL MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES.
END QUOTE.
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